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Fame is easier obtained than Content.

A Certain king, being confined to a sick bed, and surrounded by a faculty, whose medical store of experiments was now entirely exhausted, at last approached that solemn hour, which reduces all ranks of mortals to one common level. Notwithstanding the words of his comforters, he perceived his dissolution not far off, he therefore called his

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two sons, who were twins, and spoke in the following words.

I inherited, from my ancestors, two kingdoms, one is called the Kingdom of Fortune, and the other the Kingdom of Contentment. The first of these is that in which I have lived, in which I now die; the latter I never enjoyed.

These two kingdoms are separated by a dangerous sea, and that of Contentment is very difficult of access; for the coast is full of hidden rocks and sands, and is continually infested by pirates.

Now it is decreed, that you shall go on board a bark for this dominion, but in different barks. One must go on board the sloop of Fortune, and the other must embark in the ship of Contentment, which shall have the helm of Ill Fortune, which shall have the helm of Contentment, which the latter, must be determined by lot, but, O! my sons, there is a young man called Virtue, whom he that ascends the throne, and expects to continue there in safety, must espouse, and be ever careful by any means to offend her, but must surround her with the utmost tenderness and affection, for the throne of Contentment, which is upon the brink of a precipice, is supported by the princess, whom I have mentioned, called Justice.

The two Princes drew lots, and both were obliged to undertake the voyage